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STATE BUDGET DIRECTOR LEAVING TO LEAD IDAHO'S ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter today announced the resignation of Wayne Hammon, administrator of the Governor's Division of Financial Management (DFM), effective September 28. Hammon is leaving to accept the position of executive director for the Idaho Associated General Contractors (AGC).

"It has been a true honor to serve in Governor Otter's Cabinet. He has been and continues to be more than just a boss to me, but also a mentor and a friend," Hammon said. "I am proud to have helped play a role in guiding Idaho through some tough economic waters. I believe that with Governor Otter's continued leadership our great state is on the path to prosperity."

The Governor named David Fulkerson, currently DFM's deputy administrator, to serve as interim administrator during the search for Hammon's permanent replacement.

Hammon became budget director in July 2007, just half a year into Governor Otter's first term. He managed spending holdbacks prompted by recession in 2008, 2009 and 2010 to keep the State budget balanced and rein in government growth, and oversaw Idaho's response to and allocation of the massive federal stimulus program called the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. He also instituted a nationally recognized zero-base budgeting process that has dramatically changed the way State agencies use and account for taxpayer dollars.

"Wayne has set a high bar for anyone else to clear. He has been in turns decisive and cautious as required, firm when it was called for and consistently responsive and thorough," Governor Otter said. "He has been a great sounding board and a reliable, trustworthy partner in public service. He will be greatly missed, but I wish him all the success in the world in this new endeavor."

At AGC, Hammon will succeed Mark Dunham, who resigned in June.

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